GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN EXPORT OF FRUITS DUE TO US-IRAQ WAR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s export of fruits suffered setback on account of war in Iraq; and

(b) if so, the total loss in terms of rupees suffered as a result of war?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): There is very little impact on export of fruits and vegetables including mangoes on account of war in Iraq. A small reduction in exports to the Gulf countries is apparent because of increased costs as a result of air freight hike, war risk premium and recent evacuation of ethnic population from the Gulf countries etc.